

## RIVERS BANKS.

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MR. MORRILL, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

## R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill H. R. 6786.]

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6786) granting a pension to Rivers Banks, submit the following report :*

The committee find that Rivers Banks enlisted in Company G, Eighth Kentucky Volunteers, August 28, 1862, but when the company were mustered into service, October 26, 1862, he was sick with rheumatism and could not be mustered in, as he was not considered fit for the service. The testimony is abundant that he was sound and well when he enlisted and that his disease was caused by hardship and exposure without sufficient clothing. Lient. Matthew H. Owen, of the same company, testifies that between the date of enlistment and the time the company was mustered Rivers Banks was taken sick with rheumatism and was in such a condition that he could not be taken as a soldier; that the cause of his sickness was exposure while in active service as a soldier. John Nasbitt testifies to the same facts. Other witnesses testify as to his condition at the time of enlistment and of their knowledge of his suffering from the disease named. Finding that he could not be regularly mustered in, and knowing that after having offered himself to the Union cause it would be unsafe for him to return to his home, he reported to the commanding officer at Caseyville, and remained there until his health was improved. Early in January he was requested to take important dispatches from Caseyville to Henderson, about 60 miles. He started at once (about 8 p. m.) in a severe storm, accompanied by a body-guard of four mounted soldiers. The storm was so severe that when thirteen miles out the body-guard abandoned him, and he made the journey alone, reaching his destination nearly dead the next day, but faithfully delivering the dispatches intrusted to his care.

For two months he was confined to his bed, and when he left it he was deformed for life.

Those who are well acquainted with Rivers Banks speak of him in the highest terms as an honest, upright man. Never having been regularly mustered into service, the Pension Office cannot grant him a pension, but Congress can.

Your committee believe the faithful and important service rendered by this soldier justly entitles him to a grateful recognition from the Government, and therefore recommend the passage of this bill.

REPORT

ON THE PROGRESS OF THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
DURING THE YEAR 1901

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